

CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT)

Monday, January 31, 2005

Historical Miami City Hall

3500 Pan American Drive

3 p.m.

Summary of Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc A. Buoniconti, Chairman
Miles Moss, P.E., Vice-Chairman
Henry Lee Givens
Maureen O'Donnell
Susannah Troner
Hon. Linda Zilber

Yolanda Aguilar
Enrique A. Bello
Franklin Kelly
Hon. James Reeder
Theodore Wilde

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bill Johnson, Assistant County Manager
David Tinder, PWD
Barbara Bravo, OCITT
Naomi Wright, CTAC
Marlene Amaro, OCITT
Lourdes Gomez, MDT
Virginia Diaz, OCITT
Bruce Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney

Sandra Melean, PWD
Patty David, OCITT
Pepe Valdes, OCITT
David Barlette, Citizen
Mayra Bustamante, MDT
Joanna Santiago, OCITT
John Prats, OCITT

SWEARING-IN OF NEW TRUST MEMBER

Mr. Marc A. Buoniconti introduced and welcomed Mr. Enrique A. Bello, the new Member who was appointed by Commissioner Natacha Seijas to represent County Commission District 13. Ms. Kay Sullivan, Deputy Clerk of the Courts, conducted the swearing-in of Mr. Bello.

ROLL CALL

With a quorum present, Mr. Buoniconti, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Buoniconti stated that Action Item 7D will be considered at the February 23, 2005, full Trust meeting. Ms. Yolanda Aguilar moved to approve the revised agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henry Lee Givens and carried without dissent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Linda Zilber moved to approve the December 29, 2004, minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Reeder and carried without dissent.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Dave Barlette, citizen, urged the Members to reconsider their decision of approving the PTP Amendment to include the use of surtax funds for existing Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) services. Members voiced their opinions that the PTP amendment is necessary for obtaining federal grant funding for the implementation of transit corridors. In addition, the surtax funds are not going to be used for subsidizing the general fund deficits, but rather funding transit projects for the benefit of the community. Mr. Bill Johnson, Assistant County Manager, commented that the County Manager is

committed to improving the quality of the transit services throughout the county. Mr. Johnson stated that for the past two decades, MDT has been operating with a deficit; and it has been dealt with a band-aid approach. The County Manager has provided a creative solution for covering the one-time impact of \$23.9 million for existing MDT services by recommending a 3.5 percent increase in the Countywide General Fund Budget to MDT and a 1.5 percent increase in the Local Option Gas Tax Revenue support for MDT. Mr. Johnson further stated that he and the County Manager are available to discuss any questions or concerns in more detail regarding the PTP Amendment and are very thankful for their support on the issue.

PRESENTATION

Center for Urban Transportation Research – Comprehensive Bus Operations Analysis (CBOA)

Mr. Mark Alvarez, CUTR Liaison, presented a Power Point presentation on the CBOA. Mr. Buoniconti asked Mr. Alvarez to summarize his presentation for the purpose of not delaying the meeting and requested that he make his presentation at one of the committees in February 2005, in more detail. Mr. Alvarez briefly provided an overview on the following: (a copy of the presentation was distributed)

- Schedule Recommendations
- Types of Recommendations
- Recommendation Process

Miami-Dade Transit – Proforma Update

Mr. Sergio Masvidal, representative, Public Financial Management, presented a Power Point presentation (distributed) on the following

- Financial Plan for all Integrated Systems
- Key Assumptions
- Key Variations from 2004 Proforma
- Key Results

Public Works Department (PWD) – Right of Way Acquisitions

Mr. David Tinder, PTP Coordinator (PWD), stated the purpose for the presentation is to inform the Members of forthcoming PWD items that are going to be presented to CITT committees for consideration in February 2005. Mr. Fernando Alonso, Chief, PWD Right-of-Way, explained in detail the process for Right-of-Way Acquisition (Eminent Domain) a copy of the process was distributed.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AWARDED CONTRACTS, SUB ITEMS 3.1, OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT'S (DPM) COMMODITIES AND SERVICES CONTRACT AWARDS, FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND COMPETITIVE BID WAIVERS FOR MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT – *(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project Review Committee)***

Mr. Moss moved to approve Action Item 7A. The motion was seconded by Ms. Aguilar and carried without dissent.

- B. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AUTHORIZING A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$280,000 FOR THE OPERATION OF THE 79TH STREET MAX AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE JPA *(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project Review Committee)***

Ms. Aguilar moved to approve Action Item 7B. The motion was seconded by Mr. Givens and carried without dissent.

- C. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AUTHORIZING A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$444,114 FOR THE EXTENSION OF SIX EXISTING BUS ROUTES TO THE KENDALL TOWN CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE JPA *(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project Review Committee)***

Mr. Givens moved to approve Action Item 7C. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zilber and carried without dissent.

- D. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, EXECUTING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND PARSONS TRANSPORTATION GROUP, TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE NORTH CORRIDOR, CONTRACT NO. TR05-NCPE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,900,929.53 *(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project Review Committee)* REQUESTING MAYORAL WAIVER**

The item will be considered at the February 23, 2005, meeting.

- E. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN METRO EXPRESS, INC., AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD), FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) PROJECT ENTITLED SIDEWALK – PROJECT NO. 20030007 *(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project Review Committee)***

Mr. Givens moved to approve Action Item 7E. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moss and carried without dissent.

- F. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, APPROVING THE CHANGE ORDER NO. ONE (1) TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN SIGNAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES, INC., AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD) FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) PROJECT ENTITLED ANNUAL TRAFFIC SIGNAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT NO. 18 – PROJECT NO. 671811 *(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project Review Committee)***

Ms. Zilber moved to approve Action Item 7F. The motion was seconded by Mr. Givens and carried without dissent.

- G. Revised CITT By-Laws (no changes/comments were received as of deadline January 14, 2005)**

Mr. Moss moved to approve the Revised By-Laws. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried without dissent.

- H. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) SUPPORTING A RESOLUTION BY THE SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE, ENDORSING A PROPOSAL ENTITLED: "ENHANCED TRAFFIC SAFETY AT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOLS BY CONTROLLING SPEEDING IN SCHOOL ZONES" FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S (MPO) UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR TRANSPORTATION *(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Executive Planning Committee)***

Mr. Givens moved to approve Action Item 7H. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zilber and carried without dissent.

- I. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) SUPPORTING A RESOLUTION BY THE SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE REQUESTING THE MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD) CONDUCT A BEFORE AND AFTER STUDY OF TWENTY SCHOOLS THAT ARE SLATED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SCHOOL TRAFFIC FLASHING SIGNALS (TO INCLUDE THOSE LOCATED ON TWO-LANE ROADS, FOUR-LANE ROADS, AND ROADS WITH SPEED LIMITS OF 35 MPH OR GREATER) TO DETERMINE WHAT EFFECT SCHOOL FLASHING SIGNALS HAVE ON DRIVERS WITHIN SCHOOL SPEED ZONES *(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Executive Planning Committee)***

Mr. Givens moved to approve Action Item 7I. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zilber and carried without dissent.

REPORTS

Chairman's Report – Marc A. Buoniconti

Mr. Buoniconti reported the following:

- Announced that Ms. Nan A. Markowitz, Executive Director, could not attend the meeting due to a family matter.

- Reported that the Independent Financial Consultant may begin sometime in April 2005.
- CITT 90-Day Report was distributed to the BCC and has been posted on the website www.trafficrelief.com
- The CITT Policy & Procedures Handbook is being developed by the Executive Director
- Staff is working on scheduling a Joint BCC/CITT meeting, and he is looking forward to working with Chairman Joe Martinez and RTC Chairman Carlos Gimenez.

Budget & Finance Committee – Theodore Wilde

Mr. Wilde announced that the Budget and Finance Committee did not have a meeting in January. The next Budget and Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2005. He anticipates reviewing the Revised Pro Forma in greater. The Committee will also work towards ensuring ways to increase the commitment of the 3.5 percent in the long-term which may require an amendment to the Ordinance. Mr. Wilde said he would also like to discuss the Golden Passport and Patriot Pass cost to the County and the surtax proceeds.

Project Review Committee (PRC) –Miles Moss

Mr. Moss stated the PRC did not meet in January 2005; however, he has met with the School Safety Task Force Committee. He anticipates that the Committee will review the MDT Comprehensive Bus Operations Analysis study in more detail.

External Affairs Committee –Hon. Linda Zilber

Ms. Zilber announced that the External Affairs Committee will meet February 22, 2005. The Committee will be discussing the possibility of obtaining the services of Public Relations firms to help develop an information ad about the CITT. Funding has been appropriated in the CITT budget.

Compliance & Oversight Committee – Henry Lee Givens

Mr. Givens stated that he was pleased to announce that Commissioner Carlos Gimenez and Commissioner Sally Heyman sponsored the Public Involvement Plan Resolution.

Executive Director's Report – Nan A. Markowitz

No Report

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Buoniconti said that he is working with staff to appoint each Member to a committee of his/her choosing. Those appointments are forthcoming.

Mr. Givens stressed the importance of OCITT staff and MDT staff working together on a message to reflect Transportation 101. The public needs to be informed on what the transportation system is all about. Mr. Givens further stated that the resources are available. Ms. Aguilar added that she agrees that the public needs to be educated on the responsibilities of the CITT and the message should be provided in a variety of languages and different media approaches.

Ms. Naomi Wright, CTAC Member, stated that she was concerned when she heard that the CITT was going to obtain a public relations firm. She agrees with Mr. Givens idea on working towards a message Transportation 101. Ms. Zilber clarified that Ms. Markowitz informed her that MDT is presently working with a public relations firm, and the CITT staff will work in conjunction with them.

Ms. Ruby Adams, MDT, commented that Mr. Roosevelt Bradley, MDT Director, is currently working on a plan very aggressively that will take staff back to the community. Staff is dedicated to speaking with the same groups as it was done for the PTP Campaign. Mr. Buoniconti replied that he agrees that CITT staff and MDT staff should work on a collaborative message.

Mr. Bruce Libhaber made a correction in the December 29, 2004, minutes. He stated that the paragraph should read as follows:

Mr. Theodore Wilde stated that he does not see any mention of the annual limits on the use of surtax funds in this item. Bruce Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney explained that the limits are not included in the contract, but it is already included in the PTP Plan Amendment. As a result, the annual limits on surtax funds are binding.

ADJOURNMENT

The CITT meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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